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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:  
HARRIS IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WITH VISION TEAMS**

Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, Hawaii Kai) commended Mayor Jeremy Harris for taking a needed step in reforming the vision team process. "Although I am still concerned that the vision teams duplicate functions performed by the neighborhood boards, the administration's decision to eliminate mandated funding of vision teams is a good one in that it reduces the potential for wasteful spending. Over the past five years, vision teams have been responsible for a number of cost prohibitive projects like the community signs in Nuuanu, which reportedly cost in excess of \$500,000, and have increased the City's debt load. While I would prefer a moratorium on vision teams' funding without the Mayor's proposed expansion of the vision team scope and purpose, this move to eliminate mandated spending is clearly a positive step in the right direction in reforming the visioning process."

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